

Excerpt - From interrogation of Shigenori TOGO
dated 26 March 1946 (page 4)

- Q. Did you have the prime responsibility for the contents of the final note delivered by KURUSU and NOMURA on December 7, Washington time, to Hull?
- A. The note was written by the Foreign Office but in accordance with the views expressed in the discussions in the liaison and other conferences and the note was a general summary of those views. Therefore, the Foreign Office and I, as Foreign Minister, cannot take the responsibility. Furthermore, as the matter was related to the question of war, the high command naturally had to be consulted and various matters discussed with them in regard to the note. Such being the case, the government alone cannot take the responsibility, for the high command is also connected with the matter. And that being the case, even within the government, I alone as Foreign Minister cannot take sole responsibility on a matter of such supreme or major importance.
- Q. Would you name the individuals who you would consider as equally responsible with you for the contents of the note.
- A. All members of the liaison conference and even some members of the Cabinet who were familiar with this question.

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- Q. Did you say anything to the Emperor concerning the telegram from KURUSU and NOMURA with respect to President Roosevelt?
- A. As I recall, I did not mention that telegram to the Emperor, in that the matter had previously been discussed with both KIDO and TOJO, at which time the opinion was that such a step would not contribute toward the satisfactory settlement of negotiations between the two countries, therefore, the matter was not reported to the Throne.
- Q. Don't you think that the Emperor was entitled to know of such a proposal?
- A. The Emperor actually was entitled to ask questions on any or all subjects, but in so far as this particular telegram was concerned the general view within the government was that it was not of a nature that would contribute to a settlement and that, such being the case, it was not worth putting so much weight to and so it was not brought up to the Emperor.

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Certificate of Stenographer:

I, Mildred Rich, hereby certify that I acted as stenographer at the interrogation set out herewith, and that I transcribed the foregoing questions and answers, and that the transcription is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Mildred Rich

Certificate of Interrogator:

I, Roy L. Morgan, certify that on 26 March 1946 Shigenori TOGO personally gave the foregoing answers to the several questions set forth herein.

/s/ Roy Morgan

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問。貴方ハ華盛頓時間十二月七日ニ來栖及ビ野村ヨリ「ハル」ニ手交サレタ最後通牒ノ内容ニ對シテ首タル責任ヲ持ツテキマシタカ。

答。其ノ通牒ハ外務省テ書クニハ書キマシタガ、連絡會議ヤ其ノ他ノ會議テノ討論ノ際ニ述べラレタ見解ニ從ツタモノデ、其ノ通牒ハソレヲ見解ノ全般的摘要デアリマシタ。

從ツテ、外務省並ニ外務大臣トシテノ私ハ、責任ヲ負フコトハ出来マセン。更ニ、事が戦争問題ニ關係シテキタノデ、當然統帥部トモ相談シナケレバナラナカッタシ、通牒ニ就イテ統帥部ト種々ノ討議シナケレバナリマセンデシタ。ソウ云フワケデ統帥部モ此ノ事ニ關係シテ居マシタカラ、政府獨リガ其ノ責任ヲ負フコトハ出来マセン。

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問。通牒内容ニ對シ、貴方ト同等ニ責任アルト思へ
レル人ノ名前ヲ擧ゲテ下サイ。

答。通牒會議ノ全員、更ニ此ノ問題ニ關知シテ居タ
閣員モ含ム。

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問。貴方ハ「ルーズヴェルト」大統領ニ謁スル來栖、野村カラノ電報ニ就テ、何カ天皇ニ申上ゲマシタカ。

答。私ノ記憶スル所デハ、其ノ電報ノ裏ハ天皇ニ申上ゲマセシデシタ。ト云フノハ此ノ件ハ先ニ木戸ト東條トノ間ニ討議サレ、其ノ際其ノ様ニ擔當ハ兩國間ノ交渉ノ満足ナ解決ニハ何ラ役ニ立タナイトイフノが見解デアツタノデス。從ツテ其ノ裏ハ陛下ニハ報告サレマセシデシタ。

問。貴方ハ天皇ハ斯ル提案ヲ知ルベキデアツタトハ思ヒマセンカ。

答。天皇ハ實際ニ、ドンナ事デモ又スベテノ事ニ就テモ質問ヲスル事が出来タノデアリマス。併シ乍ラ、此ノ特別ナ電報ニ關スル限リ、政府内ノ一般的見解ハ、其ノ電報ハ問題ノ解決ニ役立ツ性質ノモノデハナク、又事情ガソウデアツタノデ其ノ電報ハソレ程重キヲ置ク價值ノアルモノデハナイ、トイフノデアリマシタ。ソレデ其ノ電報ハ天皇ニ呈出サレナカツタノデス。

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速記者ノ証明書

私「ミッドリッド・リッチ」ハ此所ニ陳述セラレタ。
訊問ニ私が速記者ノ役目ヲ勤メタコト私が
前記偵問及答辯ヲ轉寫シタコト及右轉
寫ハ私ノ知識及信念ノ範圍内眞實ナル
アルトハ正確ナルコトヲ茲ニ証明シマス。

署名「ミッドリッド・リッチ」

訊問者ノ証明書

私ロイ・エル・モーガンハ東郷茂徳が
一九四六年三月二十六日此所ニ陳述セシ
タ數個ノ偵問ニ對シテ目テ前記答
辯ヲ寫シタコトヲ証明シマス

署名「ロイ・モーガン」